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Nominations for Trans-Texas Corridor advisory committee

Want to have a role in shaping the future of transportation in Texas?

The Texas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications from Texans interested in being on a citizen's advisory committee for the Trans-Texas Corridor. When appointed, the committee will begin advising the department on issues dealing with the planning and development of the corridor, a multi-modal network of toll roads, commuter and freight rail and utilities to be developed over the next 50 years.

"We look forward to working with a diverse cross section of people to get input as we move ahead with the development of the corridor," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "We want to hear from you if you are interested in serving on this important committee."

The Texas Transportation Commission, which voted at its January meeting to create a corridor advisory group, could name the committee members after considering the advisory group's operating rules at its March 31 meeting.

Applications are available on TxDOT's Web site, www.dot.state.tx.us or on the corridor Web site, www.keeptexasmoving.org. When completed, the application may be sent by email to corridor@dot.state.tx.us or by mail to Phillip E. Russell, P.E., Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. Applications are due by March 14.

"Anyone who'd like to apply for appointment should do so by the deadline," Behrens said.

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